



February 6, 2006

Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 Twelfth Street, S.W.
Washington, DC 20554

Re: Alltel Corporation Petition for Limited Waiver
WT Docket No. 05-287/DA 05-2675

Dear Ms. Dortch:

As the Oglala Sioux Tribe point of contact for 911 Services, I am writing in regards to Alltel's request for waiver seeking an extension of the FCC's December 31, 2005 E911 95 percent handset penetration deadline through June 30, 2007.

Over the past year, the Department of Public Safety has worked closely and effectively with Alltel in deploying E911 on the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation. The OST Tribe and OST Department of Public Safety is working closely with Alltel, on 9-1-1 surcharge issues, and trying to utilize space for communications systems on the Alltel tower sites. Alltel has been prompt and responsive to all concerns and issues. Through Alltel's service active involvement in the E911 deployment process, we are also working towards Phase II service in the future for the Alltel customers on our reservation.

Alltel has also undertaken significant measures to inform customers about the benefits of E911 and encourage its subscribers to obtain location-capable GPS handsets. As Alltel has explained, however, some customers have resisted in upgrading their handsets to GPS models. In this case, strict enforcement of the December 31, 2005 deadline would unnecessarily inconvenience customers and could undermine public safety in some cases by preventing access to 911.

As a Tribal Agency charged with working with the tribal PSAP to protect the safety of our people, we take our responsibilities seriously and we are thankful for all the hard work the Commission has engaged in on E911. At the same time, we believe Alltel has taken significant measures to encourage subscribers to upgrade their handsets and will continue to do so in the future. We therefore support Alltel's request for limited relief as in the best interests of public safety.

Sincerely,

Winona Richards

Winona Richards, Captain of Communications
Oglala Sioux Tribe Department of Public Safety

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